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Honorable J. W. Fulbright
Chairman
Committee on Foreign Relations
United States Senate
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I am writing regarding a bill, S. 3459, to authorize the appointment of one additional Assistant Secretary of State, which you introduced on 21 June 1962 and which has been referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

As Assistant Secretary of State Dutton explained in his transmittal letter to the Vice President, the position involved would be used for the Director of the Bureau of Intelligence and Research. While this would appear to be essentially an internal matter within the Department of State, this particular position is also of interest to me in my capacity as Director of Central Intelligence, the coordinator of the overall intelligence effort in the United States. Mr. Dutton points this out in his letter saying, "the Bureau of Intelligence and Research has the dual function of meeting the requirements of the coordinated intelligence community under intelligence directives issued by the National Security Council and also meeting the Department's own research and intelligence needs."

I wish to emphasize to the Committee the importance of any step which could lead to improvement in the coordination and evaluation of intelligence. In my opinion, the importance of the intelligence function

of the Department of State to the overall intelligence structure of the Executive Branch justifies the elevation of the officer responsible for that function to Assistant Secretary.

If you wish me to expand on this point I would be glad to do so and I trust that this will be of assistance to you and to the Foreign Relations Committee in your consideration of S. 3459.

The Bureau of the Budget has no objection to the submission of this report from the standpoint of the Administration's program.

Sincerely,

(Signed) JOHN A. McCONE

John A. McCone
Director

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